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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE TREASURER

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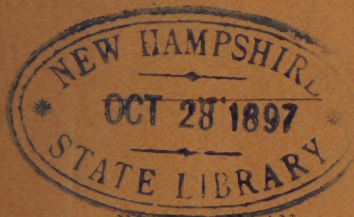
TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF—

ENFIELD, N. H.,

—FOR THE—

Year ending March 1, 1886.



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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{
L. S.
}

To the inhabitants of the town of Enfield, qualified to vote in town affairs :—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose all necessary Town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools for the year ensuing.
- 5th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of highways for the year ensuing.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine and pass any vote relating to the same.
- 7th. To see if the town will appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for memorial services May 30th, 1886.
- 8th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money not exceeding seventy-five dollars to purchase a pair of hearse harnesses.
- 9th. Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the Constitution.

10th. To see if the town will take any action in the regard to the delivery of blank inventories.

11th. To see if the town will direct the selectmen to widen the foot passageway near the house of W. D. Fleming, (old boarding house) on the easterly side, by taking land of Mrs. S. R. Godfrey, and moving and rebuilding the bank wall.

12th To see if the town will vote to appoint an agent, or instruct the selectmen to employ counsel for the purpose of testing the right of the town to a highway or passway over land of W. D. Fleming, in the village of North Enfield.

13th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway or passway in the village of North Enfield, leading from a lamp post standing near the Shaker Mills boarding house, so called, to a stake and stone standing near a willow tree on the road leading from North Enfield to East Lebanon, N. H., if it be a public highway or passway.

14th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, 1886.

J. G. SPENCER, } *Selectmen of*
H. K. WHITE, } *Enfield.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the Town of Enfield, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor, Liquor Agent and Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1886, which we find correctly cast and vouchers for bills paid on file, and submit the following report:

G. W. BURNHAM, }
L. W. CURRIER, } AUDITORS.

Treasurer's Account.

WARREN C. CLOUGH, *Treasurer.*

	DR.
Cash on hand, March 1, 1885,	\$ 367 39
Railroad Tax,	1789 01
Savings Bank Tax,	1560 71
Literary Fund,	158 60
Bounty on Woodchucks,	147 70
H. L. Chamberlin, liquor agent,	77 71
E. A. Clough, on note,	200 00
E. A. Clough, cash on note,	251 00
H. J. Cole, billiard table license,	9 00
G. B. Noyes, for old hearse,	13 75
Use of Hearse out of town,	4 00
F. P. Fisher, for rent of town house,	50
Interest on Gage Fund,	80 16
Wm. Walcott, collector of taxes, 1883,	47 00
“ “ “ 1884,	1045 18
“ “ “ 1885,	4396 00
County Orders,	603 18
	\$10,750 89

Damage on Highway.

W. W. French, horse and carriage,	\$5 00	
Herbert Horton, damage to wagon,	1 50	
Theophilus Clough, Springfield, to horse,	15 00	
John Barker,	2 00	
T. E. Fernald, to wagon,	4 00	
M. D. Gove, to wagon,	25 00	
		\$52 50

Damage by Dogs.

H. A. Nichols, sheep,	\$12 00	
G. B. Noyes,	6 00	
		\$18 00

Water Troughs.

Nazro Rane, 1884,	\$2 00	
N. P. Stevens, 1884-5,	4 00	
G. W. Johnson, 1884-5,	4 00	
Mrs. B. C. Leach, 1884-5,	4 00	
Frank Nowell, 1883-4,	4 00	
A. C. Jones,	2 00	
F. H. Wells, 1884-5,	4 00	
J. Huntoon,	2 00	
J. T. Kimball,	2 00	
		\$28 00

Materials for Highways.

Paid E. F. Foster,	\$7 50
D. M. Stevens,	2 18
O. B. Whipple,	2 00
J. T. Kimball,	18 11
W. H. Moody,	3 20
J. H. Tupper,	6 93
W. D. Fleming,	35 07
L. J. Moody,	19 80
Walter Foster,	75
Otis Chamberlin,	4 84
F. B. Morse,	46 96
E. F. Foster,	11 13
T. J. Carlton,	5 16
Wells & Flanders,	51 64
G. B. Noyes,	1 32

Walter Foster,	1 00
C. B. Follansbee,	1 45
Dodge, Davis & Co.,	32 45
	\$251 49

Labor Repairing Highway.

Wm. Wilson,	\$7 05
Thomas White,	51 30
Mark H. Purmort,	3 75
Tracy H. Jones,	5 69
O. B. Whipple,	18 12
S. E. Follansbee,	7 45
J. T. Kimball,	46 73
W. H. Moody,	5 00
J. H. Tupper,	3 00
Otis Chamberlin,	23 37
G. B. Noyes,	24 11
M. D. Gove,	7 20
L. J. Moody, Bicknell bridge,	10 00
J. G. Spencer, administrator, old lumber,	20 00
Wm. Walcott, 1884,	50 00
David Noyes,	6 00
Walter Foster,	22 20
N. S. Holt, bedstead shop bridge,	20 20
Otis Chamberlin,	33 56
Timothy Kidder,	8 80
C. S. Williams,	3 77
T. J. Carlton,	20 62
Wm. Wilson,	39 15
G. B. Noyes,	5 12
Wm. Walcott, 1885,	65 62
G. W. Currier,	53 90
Walter Foster,	4 05
C. B. Follansbee,	3 62
W. F. Smith,	2 50
T. J. Pillsbury,	1 00
O. B. Whipple,	2 50
	\$575 38

Breaking Roads.

Paid L. H. Gile,	\$5 63
L. J. Moody,	24 99
T. J. Carlton,	3 00
J. H. Tupper,	12 99

Wm. Wilson,	16 56
Mark H. Purmort,	7 50
Tracy H. Jones,	13 96
Hial Follansbee,	22 28
J. W. Brown,	14 86
H. S. Burnham,	15 12
W. S. Fellows,	7 25
F. W. Page,	19 12
Otis Chamberlin,	24 14
C. B. Follansbee,	3 75
M. D. Gove,	10 62
W. H. Choate,	4 04
Eli Story,	25 20
Henry White,	17 38
J. E. Gile,	7 50
O. B. Whipple,	12 38
Timothy Kidder,	17 64
G. B. Noyes,	4 25
B. W. Pinney,	3 75
Ira G. Webster,	1 38
Orson Day,	7 25
Thomas White,	5 64
W. H. Choate,	4 50
	\$312 68

Miscellaneous.

Paid Freeman & Richardson, printing Reports,	\$28 00
C. T. Quimby, town line,	15 00
N. M. Goss, teams town line,	4 50
G. B. Deming, decoration,	50 00
E. A. Kenyon, boarding Quimby,	3 00
L. M. Robinson, lighting bridge to June 18,	11 00
D. Goodrich, work in cemetery,	18 00
C. A. Downs, town line,	19 84
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, books,	4 05
G. W. Burnham, precinct tax,	400 00
H. F. Morrill, Sec. Fire Co.,	89 36
Val Manahan, return births and deaths,	7 00
F. P. Fisher, " " " "	4 75
F. P. Fisher, stationary and postage,	2 00
Wyman Pattee, division town,	46 41
J. Huntoon, moving Mrs. Harris,	2 50
W. H. Leavitt, school house tax 1883,	20 00
J. H. Stevens, lighting lamps,	27 00
W. H. Leavitt, costs as per vote 1885,	25 00

D. W. Flanders, care and driving hearse,	58 25
W. W. Benson, overtax,	1 09
Edward Powers, support of child,	42 00
H. J. Cole, lighting bridge,	8 33
Pattee & Currier, office rent and store bill,	30 29
G. W. Burnham, expense on Reports,	2 00
J. G. Spencer, sundries,	27 70
J. G. Spencer, on Hebert case,	12 90
J. B. Thomas, snowing bridges,	3 00

\$962 97

School Money.

Paid Dist. No. 1, L. W. Currier, treasurer,	\$777 96
2, B. W. Pinney,	82 74
3, J. S. Webster,	65 75
4, F. Underhill,	104 34
6, Eli Story,	108 60
7, W. F. Whitford,	45 02
9, A. S. Emerson,	101 45
10, G. F. Pettengill,	72 32
11, James McElwain,	203 91
12, J. K. Davis,	88 91
13, John Bradford,	310 98
14, N. P. Horton,	55 72
15, W. A. Horton,	93 02
16, J. M. Barker,	60 96
17, L. J. Moody,	63 56
18, Wm. Wilson,	93 04
Springfield,	5 58

\$2,333 86

Town Officers.

Paid F. P. Fisher clerk,	\$24 00
G. F. Pettengill, school committee,	65 00
A. M. Bryant, supervisor,	6 00
J. G. Spencer, selectman,	125 00
W. F. Smith, " "	85 00
H. K. White, " "	55 00
James Huse, supervisor,	6 00
L. W. Currier, for Board of Education,	15 00
" " auditor,	5 00
G. W. Burnham, " "	5 00

B. W. Pattee, sub register,	2 40
W. C. Clough, town treasurer,	25 00
D. G. Stickney, overseer poor,	60 00
Wm. Walcott, collector taxes,	87 00
	————\$565 40

Recapitulation.

Pauper account,	\$1000 00
Damage by dogs,	18 00
“ on highways,	52 50
Water troughs,	28 00
Materials for highway,	251 49
Labor on highway,	575 38
Breaking roads,	312 68
Miscellaneous,	962 97
School money,	2,333 86
Bounty on woodchucks,	62 60
Town officers,	565 40
State tax,	1652 00
County tax,	1660 92
Borrowed money, E. A. Clough,	251 00
Johnson fund,	368 00
E. A. Clough, note and interest,	373 10
Cash on hand,	282 99
	————\$10750 89

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

H. L. CHAMBERLAIN, Agent.

Cash received from sales from March 1st, 1885, to June 17th, 1885,		\$174 66
Paid for liquors and fixtures,	\$75 07	
Town treasurer,	77 71	
Agent's salary,	21 88	
	————	\$174 66

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Liquors and fixtures on hand as per Report March 1st, 1885,	\$202 13
Liquors and fixtures delivered to C. Darling June 17th, 1885,	142 33

CHESTER DARLING, Agent.

Cash received from sales from June 16th, 1885, to March 1st, 1886,		\$441 30
Paid for liquors,	\$382 41	
Agent's salary,	53 12	
Cash on hand,	5 77	
	————	\$441 30

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Liquors and fixtures on hand June 16, 1885,	\$142 33
“ “ “ March 1, 1886,	150 67
Sold old fixtnres at a loss of \$7.50 from invoice to me.	

REPORT

—OF THE—

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

DANIEL G. STICKNEY, *Overseer.*

Received of C. L. Clark,	\$32 15
Town treasurer,	1000 00
	\$1032 15

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County Poor.

Paid for John S. Eastman,	\$113 27
Asa Strate,	66 09
Lucinda G. Moody,	52 00
James Flanders,	30 20
Frank Johnson,	26 25
Sarah Hcwe,	59 04
Sophia Hall,	54 00
Cora Stevens,	12 80
Transient,	26 40
Heman Burpee,	12 10
H. B. Quimby,	4 99
Zerviah P. Wood,	1 00
Emily Smith,	52 00
Bert Harvey,	22 50
M. T. Harvey,	17 50
Tristram F. Hoyt,	21 75
Wm. B. Lovering,	15 93
James B. Richardson,	39 42

Francis A. Heath,	15 50	
Frank Johnson,	35 10	
		\$677 84

Town Poor.

Paid for Heman Burpee,	9 50	
James Follansbee,	228 37	
		\$237 87

Paid for E. L. Merrill for Merrimack Co.	78 00
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Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid C. L. Clark, services and expenses af- ter settlement,	\$12 35	
taking statements, postage, stationery, etc.,	15 00	
Transient,	7 73	
		\$35 08

Recapitulation.

Amount received by overseer,	\$1032 15	
for county poor,	677 84	
town "	237 87	
Miscellaneous bills,	35 08	
Merrimack county,	78 00	
Cash on hand,	3 36	
		\$1032 15

Abatements 1884, Highway Tax.

Rachael Davis estate,	88
James E. Johnson,	25
G. W. Pierce,	32
Wm. Lee,	25
Wm. Lovering,	25
Luther Howe,	25
L. M. Webster,	37
R. McConnell,	25
G. W. Dustin,	25
W. H. Cross.	25
Jas. Godfrey,	1 25
O. V. Shattuck,	25
J. K. Willis,	25

Abatements 1884, Money Tax.

Wm. Brewer,	\$1 02
B. F. King,	1 02
T. A. King,	1 02
M. Kinsella,	1 02
Ralph Morey,	1 02
C. Atwood,	2 03
Frank White,	75
Martin Spaulding,	75
Frank Colby,	75
L. M. Webster,	1 26
R. McConnell,	75
Joseph Posey,	1 10
Amos Pettengill,	75
J. E. Elder,	75
J. E. Johnson,	75
Daniel Matthewson,	75

 15 49
Abatements 1885, Money Tax.

Jas. Godfrey,	5 26
Joseph Godett,	1 06
B. F. King,	1 06
E. F. King,	1 06
T. A. King,	1 06
E. H. King,	1 06
Thos. King,	1 06
Michael Kinsella,	1 06

David Laro,	2 06	
Justus Pennock,	1 06	
C. Atwood,	2 19	
C. E. Hewes,	88	
Alexander Hebert,	88	
Henry Hebert,	88	
A. H. Stevens,	3 89	
Frank Colby,	88	
T. E. Laffee,	1 06	
Joseph Posey,	1 26	
Frank Russell, Jr.,	3 37	
D. M. Moody,	1 00	
William Lee,	88	
Wallace Russell,	88	
W. B. Stevens,	2 80	
J. W. Newell,	1 75	
J. E. Johnson,	88	
G. W. Dustin,	88	
W. H. Moody,	1 67	
E. D. Morey,	1 62	
Wm. Loverin,	1 32	
Alberto Harvey,	88	
J. B. Lovering,	1 14	
Samuel Maxfield,	88	
Joseph Maxfield,	88	
M. J. Higgins,	7 84	
		\$56 39

Overtax.

W. A. Horton,	52	
J. S. Pillsbury,	1 75	
A. M. Bucklin,	1 75	
		\$4 02

Due on tax bill, 1882,	\$9 35	
Abatements,		\$9 35

TAX BILL, 1883.

Reported due last year,	\$47 00	
Cash paid town treasurer,		\$47 00

TAX BILL, 1884.

Reported due last year,		\$1060 67
Paid to treasurer,	\$1045 18	
Abatements	15 49	
		\$1060 67

TAX BILLS, 1885.

Whole amount of tax bill,		\$6055 47
Paid to treasurer,	\$4396 00	
Abatements,	56 39	
Overtax,	4 02	
		\$4456 41
Now due,		\$1,599 06

Availabilities.

Due from county,	\$677 84	
Merrimack county,	78 00	
Cash in hands of overseer of poor,	3 36	
" " town treasurer,	282 99	
Stock, fixtures and cash in hands liquor agent,	156 44	
Due on tax bill, 1885,	1599 06	
Accrued interest on Gage fund,	77 33	
" " Jonson, "	14 72	
		\$2889 74

Liabilities.

Due E. A. Clough, two notes,	\$1800 00	
Ellen Powers,	37 75	
on outstanding order, J. W. Brown,	5 00	
		\$1842 75
Balance above liabilities, March 1st, 1886,	\$1046 99	
" " " " " 1885,	560 05	
		\$486 94
Geo. W. Jonson legacy reported as cash in hands of town treasurer last year, now invested in Amoskeag savings bank,		\$368 00
Increase of availabilities,		\$854 94

*Legacies, Funds, Property and Claims held by
the Town.*

Gage fund, income for any town purpose,	\$2,500 00
Geo. W. Jonson legacy, income for benefit of poor,	368 00
Sally Strate, note and mortgage, date June 10, 1867,	100 00
Deed of gravel bank near bedstead shop,	35 00
Deed of land west end of Shaker bridge,	40 00
Claim against U. S. Government for war expenses 1861 to 1865,	1,161 40
One town house, one hearse house, two tramp houses and furniture,	

There is in the hands of W. C. Clough, \$37.67, being a tender made to John Dresser as per an award of a board of referees, June 11th, 1884, in settlement for a claim by said John Dresser, against the town, for covering stone for culverts on highways. There is deposited in the hands of the Treasurer \$28.00 to be used when needed for the burial expenses of Mrs. Martha J. Harris, this sum being deposited by her for the above said purpose.

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

In presenting the annual report of School District No. 1, it is our aim to represent the status of our schools honestly, with no attempt to hide defects or find virtues where they do not exist. We do not claim for them perfection, but we do claim that since the schools have been under the supervision of a Board of Education they have maintained a good degree of proficiency and although the first years of school under the present management were very satisfactory, a decided improvement has been made, and the past year the schools have been, if not all we could wish, all we could reasonably expect. We attribute the improvement in a great degree to the better classification and to the fact that our teachers take an interest in their profession and are constantly studying to inform themselves of and put in practice new and improved methods of disciplining and teaching school. We are aware that some dissatisfaction has been expressed in regard to the method adopted in the intermediate department but we have observed decided improvement in that school.

We have been pleased with the general management of the schools and their conduct throughout.

Mr. W. L. Pettengill has had charge of the High School and a general supervision of the other departments. This is the fourth year that Mr. Pettengill has taught this school with entire satisfaction.

Miss Hattie Dyer has had charge of the intermediate department and Miss Lizzie M. Williams of the primary. Miss Dyer has succeeded in bringing order out of chaos, and improvement has been the watchword and thoroughness her practice. Love for her vocation

and zeal for the welfare and improvement of her pupils are the characteristics of this teacher.

Miss Lizzie Williams has maintained the same loving care over the little ones under her charge as heretofore and shown herself especially adapted to instruct them. We should feel no anxiety in regard to our children while under her care.

Last spring District No. 9 voted to unite with District No. 1 for schooling purposes and we believe the arrangement has proved a mutual benefit. The scholars of No. 9 having had the benefit of thirty weeks of school, and the addition of their school money, \$104.54, has given us several weeks more of school than we should otherwise had.

Some alterations and improvements have been made during the past year, the intermediate room having been enlarged, new stove put in and arrangement made for better ventilation. We consider our school house no disgrace to the district. It is commodious, well kept and capable of accommodating one hundred scholars.

The high school have by their own efforts purchased and put into that department a fine organ costing nearly one hundred dollars. The intermediate and primary departments have raised about fifteen dollars each which has been expended for maps and charts for their use.

The winter term is still in session and will not close until about the middle of March owing to a suspension of school for three weeks on account of sickness.

Books have been purchased for the use of the schools by the board and furnished at cost.

The schools have been under the supervision of the same Board of Education during the past three years and they have endeavored to act for the best good of the schools, and acted in perfect harmony, and in whatever decisions they have been called upon to make they have been actuated only by the motive of promoting the greatest good to the greatest number.

The Supreme Court of this state decides that "The whole, or a part of a town, organized as a school district, under acts, either general or special, that gave it a special, independent and complete organization, and officers of its own having exclusive authority for the superintendence and government of its schools and the administration of all its school affairs, is one of the 'districts organized under special acts' within the meaning of the proviso, is not abolished, and will not become a part of the town-district unless it votes to unite with it. A district organized under a law, general or special, by which its schools are subjected to the supervision of other officers than its own, will

cease to exist from and after March 1. There may be exceptions, founded on laws and circumstances that do not come into consideration in this case, but the general rule is based on the distinction between districts that are special in the sense of being by law specially independent, and fully officered for the supervision and management of their schools, and others that are subordinate in the sense of being subject to supervision by officers not peculiarly their own. The mere establishment of a high school or of graded schools, or a mere union of districts under a general or a special law, does not exempt a district from abolition. Districts organized under the Portsmouth, Newington, Somersworth, or Concord acts, in their special or general forms, or under general laws, chapter 86, sections 2, 3. and *chapter 87, sections 16-22*, will retain their present organization, unless they choose to abandon it and unite with the new town-district."

By this Decision of the Supreme Court district No. 1 retains its present organization and the management is not changed by the new law, and it is the desire of the Board of Education to maintain the same high standing of our schools they have obtained for the last three years.

E. B. HUSE,	}	Board of Education.
L. W. CURRIER,		
J. C. CURRIER,		

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Grace Richardson, teacher for the summer term. The school was satisfactory.

Alma M. Atwell, teacher for the winter term. The teacher competent to instruct, the scholars thorough, and the improvement good.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

One term taught by Alice S. Webster. Miss Webster was interested in her school and did much for the advancement of her pupils. Consequently good results followed her teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Alice S. Webster taught the summer term. The amount of work done in this school was creditable to teacher and scholars.

Georgianna P. Avery was employed for the winter term. But lit-

tle was accomplished in this school. The teacher was not thorough in her work, and did not give her pupils the amount of drill necessary for real progress in any school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, Lillian M. Follansbee teacher. Teacher and scholars worked together harmoniously. The result was a very successful term of school.

Bertha M. Flanders had charge of the winter term. Miss Flanders is a competent teacher. Her pupils knowing this fact made the business of acquiring knowledge a reality. Most improvement in arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Two terms taught by Sadie Flanders. Teacher and scholars seemed interested in their work and we think the money in this district profitably expended.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Teacher for summer term Eva J. Edwards. As much work was accomplished in this term of six weeks as we usually find in schools of ten weeks session.

Val M. Hardy taught the winter term. The teacher tried hard to make the school a success, and the thorough examination I witnessed from those present at the close of the school showed he had not labored in vain. The recitations were nearly perfect.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

This school has some very studious and persevering scholars, with a good rank in scholarship. I think the improvement for the year will average with that of previous terms. Three terms during the year, two taught by Geo. F. Pettengill and one by Fred A. Wells.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Two terms taught by Lizzie T. Elliott. We think the summer term an averagely good school. The winter term not so profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer term taught by Mary E. Elkins assisted by Fanny F. Falen. These teachers rank among our best ones, and are eminently fitted for the place they occupy. The work done in geography, penmanship and spelling was very noticable. Miss Elkins' long ac-

quaintance with this school puts her in a position to meet successfully all the intellectual wants of her pupils.

Winter term Abraham Perkins teacher. Mr. Perkins has knowledge in kind and quantity sufficient to teach a profitable school. The school was going on smoothly at my first visit, it is yet in session.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer term taught by Maud M. Barden. Winter term by Florence B. Emerson. The school for each term was short and the attendance small. As much improvement was made as we could reasonably expect.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Clara Sargent had charge of the summer term. The parents manifested considerable interest in this school, which was very encouraging to teacher and scholars. This was Miss Sargent's first term; she is a good scholar and developed considerable ability as a teacher. The pupils were quite thorough in their studies.

Fred Washburn was employed for the winter term, which is still in session. This teacher understands what he teaches, and insists that his pupils shall understand what they study. A very decided improvement in reading. The school for the year has been satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Ella M. Gordon taught the summer term. A good work was done in this school. The scholars, I think worked more for themselves than in any previous term, and the teacher encouraged them by her own industry.

Winter term Lillian M. Follansbee teacher. Considering the moral atmosphere that pervaded in and around this school a fair amount of improvement was made.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Two terms taught by Anna M. Ellis. This school sustained its former reputation for industry and thoroughness.

REMARKS.

Most of our schools for the past year have been successful, none without some improvement. A few teachers have failed in maintaining a good discipline, and their schools have suffered in consequence, for weakness here produces weakness elsewhere.

It is not to be expected that all teachers will reach the same standard of excellence, many of whom are unexperienced, and all controlled by habits formed under a variety of different influences. It is obviously unreasonable to expect one school to make the same progress, in all cases, as another more favorably situated. No school ever yet made intellectual progress without intellectual labor; and that teacher or that scholar who expects to obtain intellectual eminence much reach it by the labor of the brain. A new arrangement of school matters is soon to take the place of the one now in use. Many who do not fully believe in the present system doubt the utility of the "Town System." We are to test its practicability before we can judge correctly of it. It seems the authors intention of the law was to give as near as possible the same amount of schooling to every scholar, and secure to us better qualification of teachers and their greater permanence; if it shall accomplish this design it ought to meet the sanction of the people. I do not believe a single individual will suffer from this law; if changes are necessary they will, I presume be made; but if the "Board of Education" think more can be accomplished as the districts now are they will probably remain unchanged.

In some of our schools I found the teacher asking too many leading questions supplying all the ellipses made by their pupils during recitation. I would suggest the importance of having lessons recited by *pupils*, and not by *teachers*. Never do for a pupil what he is capable of doing for himself. Much has been said in regard to the teachers' authority in the school-room and the general supervision of their pupils. I shall not attempt to interpret the law only offer a few suggestions. I do not believe corporal punishment can be entirely dispensed with, without detriment to the order and discipline of schools; but it should be the duty of the teacher to remove as far as possible the necessity for it. No effort should be spared to lead the pupils to govern themselves. The teacher must have the ability to inspire his or her pupils with a love of virtue, and his or her own life must be a model worthy of their imitation. The teacher should labor to secure the confidence and kind regard of their pupils, and to

satisfy them that all their requirements are dictated by a sincere and ardent desire to advance their best interest. The authority of the teacher in school must be complete and unquestioned. But the teacher should never forget that love of freedom, love of independence, love of power, are all implanted in the natures of children for wise and important ends; and no unskillful teacher should be allowed to lay his hands ruthlessly upon them, but when the pupil will not acknowledge his duty to submit to the rightful authority of the teacher, when the will of the pupil gains control over his reason and judgment, then the teacher must take such measures as may be necessary to bring his wayward will to bow. But if every punishment inflicted by the teacher is to be the means of rendering his name odious; if he is not to be sustained by the sympathy and approval of school directors and parents, the right arm of his authority is paralyzed. This very lack of sustaining influence will be the means of increasing greatly the necessity for punishment, which might be avoided if the right to inflict it was never called in question. Finally if parents and citizens would labor as hard to discover the good qualities of teachers as to find their bad ones we should see grander results in our schools.

GEO. F. PETTENGILL, Supt. of Schools.

Enfield, Feb. 25, 1886.

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 4. Ellen Underhill.

District No. 6. Susie A. Leach, Mamie J. Leach, George Smith.

District No. 10. Henry A. Little.

District No. 11. *Edith M. Bryant, *Gertrude L. Bryant, *Mary P. Leavitt, *Mertie Leavitt, *Sarah Walcott, *Mabel Harvey, *Lonie Kimball, *Herbert McElwain, Addie Morse, Minnie Hall, Mary Morse, Carrie Morse, Cora Lawn, Carrie Kimball.

District No. 12. Ida Blake, Veda Blake, Lyman Blake, Robert Blake.

District No. 14. *Mary R. Horton, *Frankie Wheeler, John B. Fellows.

District No. 7. Cora Whitford, *Willie K. Horton, *George E. Follansbee.

*Two terms.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. Districts.	Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average attendance	Wages of Teachers per month including board.	No. in Arithmetic.	Geography.	History.	Grammar.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Algebra.	Physiology.	Book-keeping	Non-membership absences in half days.	Other absences in half days.	Instances of tardiness.
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3	1	14	5	4	17.12	25	4	0	2	5	5	5	0	0	0	130	53	32
4	1	10	13	11	14.60	13	1	0	0	13	13	9	0	0	0	110	201	15
	2	11	19	15	18.	19	6	0	2	19	19	17	0	0	0	352	281	102
6	1	10	12	10	12.	9	3	0	1	12	12	5	0	0	0	46	124	0
	2	13	11	8	15.	10	6	0	4	11	11	0	1	0	3	231	137	0
7	1	7	4	4	18.	4	2	0	1	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	6	0
	2	7	9	7	18.	7	5	0	2	9	9	2	0	0	0	54	68	0
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10	1	6	5	3	8.	4	4	0	1	5	5	3	0	0	0	12	24	0
	2	11	8	5	22.	7	8	4	3	8	8	0	0	0	2	60	61	19
11	1	8	25	23	24.	20	16	0	6	25	25	14	0	0	2	0	6	4
	2	8	26	21	29.	19	14	0	5	26	26	12	2	2	2	220	149	29
	3	12	26	23	32.	22	13	0	7	26	26	16	3	4	0	150	60	13
12	1	9	15	13	17.	12	6	0	3	15	15	12	0	0	1	48	114	19
	2	11	14	11	17.	12	5	0	3	14	14	12	0	0	1	234	92	28
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*Attended school in district No. 9.

§School in session.

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